The Chief Engineer will go and inspect the locality himself before arriving at a decision either way.

In re. the putting up of culverts and sluices on the southern and western sides of Kundaman *chira* in the Adichanallur *pakuthi*, the Chief Engineer says that he will submit a detailed report after local investigation.

As regards the improvement of the waste lands near the bank of the Kallada river the matter will be looked into.

Your request to open an Ayurvedic school at Quilon will be considered. The Director of Ayurveda will be asked to report on the matter.

Member.—The train from the east does not arrive at Quilon at convenient hours.

President.—The South Indian Railway authorities will be addressed in the matter.

149. Some needs of the Kottayam taluk.

Mr. Thoma Varkki (Member, Kottayam taluk) requested that the site where the Atirampuzha market was situated might be excluded from the *kottuviruthi* system of tenure, that the market be improved, that a separate fish market be opened at Atirampuzha, that a dispensary be established at Pampadi, and that the Ettumanur English School be converted into a High School.

President's reply.—You yourself admit that the place where the Atirampuzha market is held is classed under the *kottuviruthi* tenure and that it belongs to the Ettumanur Devaswom. *Inam* pattas were issued at the settlement for that property under the *viruthi* tenure. So nothing can be done now. You instanced a case in which some other properties were acquired in lieu of *viruthi* properties and compensation awarded to the *márúns* who were holders thereof, and suggested that the same procedure might be adopted in the present case also. This suggestion is noted.

With regard to the transfer of the market, the matter is still under consideration and your representation will receive careful attention on receipt of the Peishkar's report.

In regard to the conversion of the Ettumanur English School into a High School, I may say that applications for the conversion of departmental Middle schools into High Schools have been received from other places and unless a special necessity is proved to exist in the matter, it will not be possible for the Government to grant your request. The Director says that there is a school close by at Mannanam, and that, if there are two schools at such a short distance, one of them will have to be closed. So it is not possible to comply with your request just now.

150. Facilities to be afforded to the Kammala community for higher education and entry into public service.

Mr. Nilakantan Muttanandam (Member, Nominated) expressed the gratitude of his community to His Highness the Maha Raja and the Government for nominating a member from among them to the Assembly. He also thanked the President for the agreeable and considerate way in which he heard the representations of the members and replied to them. He complained that, though his community was a numerous one consisting of 1,63,720 persons, it was not in the enjoyment of some of the ordinary rights of citizenship; on the other hand, it was subject to difficulties of various kinds. Many communities which formerly occupied a lower position than theirs had now risen above them owing to the advantages secured through representations at the Assembly. Though as artisans his community was of use to all men in all parts of the world, he complained that the Travancore Government had left them in the cold.

The Member made two requests to the Government. The first was for the grant of some educational concessions, similar to those given to other communities, till their condition improved, and the second was the need for better encouragement being shown to them by certain officers in the matter of appointments.

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In regard to the first he said that at present they were unable to give the necessary education to their children as they were very poor and had engaged themselves in bread-winning pursuits. He said that scholarships and fee concessions should be given to them as were being given to certain communities, in respect of both school and collegiate education. The artisans of Kerala were able to produce articles which elicited the admiration of the traders of Madras and Europe. He therefore urged that the Government ought to help them to improve their material condition. When scholars were sent to foreign countries to be trained in any art, candidates should be selected from members of his community. He requested that some at least of those who had passed examinations should be recruited to the public service. He referred also to certain impediments to their educational progress.

He requested that members of their community should in future be addressed as "Visvabrahmanas", comprising "Acharies" and other sub-castes, as recently ordered by the Madras Government, and that orders should be issued to the Education and other Departments to that effect.

He requested that a statement might be obtained from the Education Department showing the number of qualified men from their community who had applied for teachers' posts and the number appointed. He referred to one of their women entertained in that department who was superseded by her junior, though she was qualified for promotion.

He said that an Inspector of Co-operative societies might be appointed from their community to disseminate knowledge regarding the advantages of such societies, in which case many Co-operative Societies would, he felt sure, be started among them. He also requested that one from among them might be given a post in the Huzur Office and another either in the Police or in the Excise Department.

151. Help to the Kammala community by the nomination of representatives to the Assembly and by the award of grants to cottage industries.

Mr. Nilakantan Muttanandam (Member, Nominated) represented that, in view of the fact that his community numbered over a lakh of persons, representatives should be nominated to the Assembly from their community in proportion to their population. He said that, owing to their inability till now to represent their grievances to Government, some other communities had stolen a march over them in material prosperity. He said that it was impossible for them to be returned to the Assembly by the open door of election.

He further requested that members be nominated from his community to the Panchayat courts and Municipal Councils and to the committee appointed for considering matters relating to cottage industries, as most of such industries were now pursued by the members of his community.

President's reply.—In regard to fee concessions, at present Kammalas are regarded as a backward class so far as English education is concerned and the rules do provide for the grant of fee concessions to that community. The other points mentioned in your representation will be considered and disposed of separately.

152. Needs of Arayas.

Mr. K. Velayudhan (Member, Nominated) said that the people of the Karunagapalli and Kartikapalli taluks who lived close to the sea were suffering very much for want of good drinking water and requested that arrangements be made for the supply of drinking water to those people. It was very hard for those people to leave their homes and go to the interior to get water. If the Government were to give him the same reply as was given to Mr. Ramankunju when he brought up that subject as a resolution before the Legislative Council, he doubted whether the persons affected could get drinking water at any time.

The Member next said that the members of the Araya community should be afforded additional occupational facilities on the lines adopted by the Madras Labour Department. He stated that the orders of he Government to grant an extent of 10 cents of land to each landless family of the Araya community on concessional terms was not being properly worked, as would be seen from the answers given to certain interpellations on the subject in the Legislative Council. It was very difficult for

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